

# Troopers Respond to Plane Crash



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**Laurel, DE-** Delaware State Police responded to a crash involving a small airplane which occurred late this morning in Laurel.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred this morning, Saturday, July 02, 2016 at approximately 10:34 a.m., as Justin Hoffman, 39, of Middletown, DE, was flying a Grumman G-164B Bi-Wing Crop Duster and was spraying watermelon fields in the area of East Trap Pond Road and Johnson Road, Laurel. After making a spray run the engine to the plane lost power and Hoffman attempted to make an emergency landing in an adjacent corn field. As Hoffman landed the plane in the soft soil, the nose of the aircraft dug into the ground causing the aircraft to roll onto it's roof. Justin Hoffman, who was the sole occupant of the plane, was able to walk away with only minor injuries.

The investigation into this incident was turned over to the Federal Aviation Administration.

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